

MEETING OF
THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

A meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation was held at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy. Dover, Delaware, September 13, 2006, with the following members in attendance:

Robert F. Garey, Chairman	Mark Davis (representing Michael T. Scuse, Secretary of Agriculture)
William Vanderwende, Vice Chairman	Jack Markell, State Treasurer
Lyn Davenport, Secretary	Kevin Coyle (representing John Hughes, Secretary of DNREC)
August Short (representing W. Allen Jones)	

Absent: Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. and Dennis Clay.

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McGrath, Howard Mesick, Milton Melendez, Danielle Klosowski, Cathy Mesick, Scott Blaier, and Robin West.

Others in attendance: F. Michael Parkowski, Esq., William Denman, Esq., Mr. Jim Melville, and Mr. Phil Tuthill.

Chairman Garey opened the meeting at 8:32 a.m. with prayer.

I. Progress Report:

Milton Melendez informed the Board that we have a total of 660 farms in preservation districts totaling 144,929 acres, with a total of 462 farms under agricultural easements totaling 82,247 acres at a cost of \$119,334,291. For PDR 12 there are a total of 134 farms comprising 17,516 acres with a value of \$272,163,608 to be considered for purchase of development rights.

II. District Eligibility

1. The Everline District, ID#K-06-04-244. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility the Everline District, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**

III. Expansion Eligibility/Final Approval

1. The Overly Expansion of the Mitchell-Quillen District, ID#K-06-06-088E. After discussion, **Lyn Davenport moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Overly Expansion of the Mitchell-Quillen District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

2. The Clark #2 Expansion of the Mrs. Grace Shorts Caulk District, ID#K-06-03-007J. After discussion, **Jack Markell moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Clark #2 Expansion of the Mrs. Grace Shorts Caulk District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

3. The Brown Expansion of the Tappahanna District, ID#K-06-07-219F. After discussion, **William Vanderwende moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Brown Expansion of the Tappahanna District, seconded by Jack Markell. Motion unanimously approved.**

4. The Bilbrough Farm Expansion of the Norman G. Wilder District, ID#K-06-07-026I. After discussion, **Lyn Davenport moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Bilbrough Farm Expansion of the Norman G. Wilder District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

5. The Carey Expansion of the Naudain Tract District, ID#N-06-07-132B. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Carey Expansion of the Naudain Tract District, seconded by Jack Markell. Motion unanimously approved.**

6. The Green-McGee Expansion of the McQuail-Twin Eagles District, ID#N-06-07-073C. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Green-McGee Expansion of the McQuail-Twin Eagles District, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**
 7. The Oakland Farm Expansion #2 of the Van Dyke Tract District, ID#N-06-07-129D. After discussion, **Jack Markell moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Oakland Farm Expansion #2 of the Van Dyke Tract District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**
 8. The Correll Expansion of the Tybout Tract District, ID#N-06-07-130N2. After discussion, **William Vanderwende moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Correll Expansion of the Tybout Tract District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**
 9. The Mackey Expansion of the Rust District, ID#S-06-04-034M. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Mackey Expansion of the Rust District, seconded by Jack Markell. Motion unanimously approved.**
 10. The Davis Expansion of the Rust District, ID#S-06-04-034L. After discussion, **William Vanderwende moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Davis Expansion of the Rust District, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**
 11. The Speicher Expansion of the Jeff Wheatley District, ID#S-06-03-136A. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Speicher Expansion of the Jeff Wheatley District, seconded by Jack Markell. Motion unanimously approved.**
 12. The Wells-Bennett Expansion of the Wells-Bennett District, ID#S-06-04-146D. After discussion, **Lyn Davenport moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Wells-Bennett Expansion of the Wells-Bennett District, seconded by William Vanderwende. Motion unanimously approved.**
 13. Schlabach Expansion of the Howard R. Young & Sons, Inc. District, ID#S-06-05-189A. After discussion, **Lyn Davenport moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Schlabach Expansion of the Howard R. Young & Sons, Inc. District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**
 14. Wyatt Expansion of the Houseman Tracts District, ID#S-06-06-232A. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Wyatt Expansion of the Houseman Tracts District, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**
 15. Hammond Bennett Expansion of the Bennett District, ID#S-06-07-119C. After discussion, **Lyn Davenport moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Hammond Bennett Expansion of the Bennett District, seconded by William Vanderwende. Motion unanimously approved.**
- IV. Public Comments – Mr. Jim Melvin stated that he came down to see what the alternative to development would be and he asked for some information about our program. There followed a discussion about how land is passed on. Mr. Phil Tuthill commented that he thought the recent elections went pretty well.
- V. Minutes - Chairman Garey asked if there were additions or corrections to the July 12, 2006 minutes. Receiving no additions or corrections to the minutes, **William Vanderwende moved the minutes be approved, seconded by Jack Markell. Motion unanimously approved.**
- Chairman Garey asked if there were additions or corrections to the August 9, 2006 minutes. Receiving no additions or corrections to the minutes, **Kevin Coyle moved the minutes be approved, seconded by Jack Markell. Motion unanimously approved.**

VI. Financial Highlights:

Cathy Mesick informed the Foundation Board that we had, as of July 31, 2006, \$573.44 in the Foundation's checking account. The Foundation's interest bearing State of Delaware account had a balance of \$56,577.05. Revenue for the month of July was \$13,032.44 in roll back taxes. Expenditures for the month of July totaled \$13,666.95. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept the Financial Report as presented, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**

Cathy Mesick informed the Foundation Board that we had, as of August 31, 2006, \$7,697.34 in the Foundation's checking account. The Foundation's interest bearing State of Delaware account had a balance of \$167,925.01. Revenue for the month of August was \$1,437.88 in roll back taxes. We also received our funds from the State of Delaware in the amount of \$150,000.00, and a private donation of \$25.00. Expenditures for the month of August totaled \$16,087.94. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept the Financial Report as presented, seconded by William Vanderwende. Motion unanimously approved.**

Michael McGrath mentioned to the Board that we will be expecting an audit presentation after the audit is completed by the State Auditor's staff.

Cathy Mesick presented a memorandum from the bookkeeper requesting transfers of funds from one account to another and the addition of \$196.10 for the Office Supplies and Expense Account. This addition of \$196.10 will be the last budget increase for FY'06. After discussion, **Jack Markell moved to allow the transfer of funds and to allow the increase in the Budget, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**

Michael McGrath then presented the memorandum from Scott Blaier which gave the agricultural land values as of May 2006.

VII. Executive Session – There was no need for an Executive Session.

VIII. Other Business:

Michael Parkowski informed the Board that we need to work up a strategy for funding for the Forestland Preservation Program. Discussion followed concerning various methods to obtain additional funding. Chairman Garey suggested a resolution by the Farm Bureau. Mark Davis is to give talking points to Chairman Garey. A resolution should also be received from the Grange and support will be sought for by the Preservation Coalition.

VIX. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Foundation, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on October 11, 2006 at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn Davenport
Secretary